

# WINDUP OF GERMAN FINANCIAL WIZARD

definite and final settlement of the total sum of reparations which Germany shall pay and can pay, if they cannot agree among themselves and with bankers and investors upon a plan which will stabilize German currency, we shall start down the declivity in pursuit of the mark, the crown and the ruble.

The terms of the new reparations settlement must include:

(a) priority of payments for the reconstruction of the ruins of northern France; (b) a moratorium to Germany for several years, conditional upon the prompt withdrawal of the barbarian or semi-barbarian Mohammedan troops from the Rhine and the progressive withdrawal of other troops as the terms of the moratorium and reparations agreement are fulfilled by Germany.

"A plan devised by these general bases is indispensable to the solvency and credit of the state and to the industry in Germany and so to the recovery of reparations by France.

"More important to the rehabilitation of Europe than any conference, than any agreement by statesmen and financiers can be, is the exercise of the exorcism of the spirit of hate which animates governments and peoples. Unless the peoples are moved by a Christian will to peace and by Christian charity there can be no real peace in Europe."

## Mr. Smoot's Prediction.

Senator Smoot predicted that the Borah amendment would be defeated when the time comes for a roll call on Senate sentiment. He said:

"I do not think that the conference proposed in the amendment to the navy appropriations bill offered by Senator Borah would accomplish any good purpose. We know in advance that the other nations want and we are not in a position to grant it. If we called a conference, invited these nations here and there, when they came, turned down their requests, the situation would not be improved and the United States would be placed in a false position. I opposed it and I do not think that the amendment to the navy bill will be adopted."

Senator Borah, author of the amendment, is not at all discouraged by the position taken by Senator Hiram Johnson (Rep., Cal.), who was his brother in arms in the league fight, has alarmed the Idaho Senator. He characterized the night as ridiculous the confusion between American participation in an economic conference and participation in a political conference.

"The degree of divergence from the Administration on the settlement of the reparations issue is manifested by the willingness that this country should, if possible, have the support of the League of Nations and the bodies created under it."

The United States, he asserts, is also precluded from the aid in the world economic situation and cannot avoid being in it. Conference or no conference. This line of argument he will present in the coming debate in the Senate.

He will have the support of the agricultural group, or at least of the majority of its members, who believe that on American leadership and initiative depends the success of the world economic plan.

Mr. Harding's Probable Course.

Should the proponents of an international conference under American auspices carry the amendment to the navy appropriations bill as it now stands there is every reason to believe that Mr. Harding would not give it any immediate consideration.

The amendment merely authorizes him to take the step, and he would probably put it off until the next session of Congress. It is not a bill, and it is not a resolution. It is a mere authorization. It is the purpose of the Administration leaders, however, to modify it in such a way as to make it a Congressional mandate for foreign policy.

Two vital objections to the calling of a conference are the instance of the United States Government would be: First, the certainty of the European debt to this country being thrown into the calendar of international conference; and second, the practical impossibility of separating in such a conference the question of reparations from the French nationalistic demand for new political and territorial guarantees in case the guarantees of the Versailles Treaty are revised or discarded.

Administration has never lost sight of this in course of its exploration of avenues of aid in the European emergency. It has taken the position that reparations must be paid, and that the economic sections of the Versailles Treaty are impossible of fulfillment, but they involve French treaty rights and rights of conquest which the United States Government could not request or suggest should be abrogated unless it is prepared to go further with American guarantees and concessions than the foreign policy of the Administration or the sentiment of Congress would permit.

Everything, therefore, awaits on French acceptance of the principle that the treaty should be revised to accord with the economic realities of the situation. This is the crucial question at the moment, and on the decision is contingent American aid in the secondary stages of European reconstruction.

ASKS AMERICA TO HELP IN EUROPEAN PROBLEM

E. C. Blum Tells How U. S. Trade Would Be Benefited.

"The likelihood that the United States will lend its powerful aid in establishing a fair basis for German reparations has given me heart and courage to the whole world," said Edward C. Blum, vice-president of Abraham & Strauss, Inc., Brooklyn, yesterday. Mr. Blum has spent several months in Europe studying conditions and his statement was issued through the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

"If international confidence can be restored, German industrial and financial corporations are ready to offer their gold balances to neutral countries as part of an international loan and they would seem to be paved for a satisfactory settlement of the grave problem. This appears the one way to bring about the reduction of unnecessary expenses of the French and German Governments so that they might use the balance and both may begin to reduce their international obligations and promote trade.

"Feeling these things it would seem wise that we should encourage our officials in Washington to cooperate in this undertaking. They may thus reestablish a normal international trade carried by an American subsidized mercantile fleet. This would make the wheels of our industrial and agricultural machinery turn to the limit."

## VLADIVOSTOK CLOSES BANKS.

New Government Reports Anti-Soviet Officers.

VLADIVOSTOK, Dec. 25. (Associated Press).—All foreign and Russian banks were ordered closed here today by the Soviet Government of Vladivostok, which recently took over the administration of the city and surrounding territory known as the Primoria.

Russian White officers were ordered deported from Primoria and sent toward Moscow.

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Prince Said Mohammed Kakeko Zerdchi, husband of Kitty Spigili, said to be a movie actress, and a native of Kentucky, U. S. A., whose claims as the ruler of all Islam gave him some publicity in America a few months ago, passed Christmas behind the bars of a Paris jail for his alleged failure to pay several hotel bills.

The Prince was arrested in the Hotel Carlton, after renting a luxurious three room apartment, almost without a single sou, and owing at least 1,000 francs to the hotel porters of the Hotel Ritz, Moneau and Moderne, where he was a personal friend not only of the Aga Khan but also of prominent American financiers.

The Prince, since his arrival in Paris, has endeavored to obtain financial assistance of American bankers by offering them the "crownship" of his "vast empire" in Russia, Kurdistan, Turkey and Egypt, which he claims as the direct descendant of Mahomet. The police have been investigating his record for three years ago, under the name Kakeko, was employed in a London tailor's shop. He went to America, he came to Paris and took an apartment at the Hotel Moderne. At the end of the first week, when he was asked to pay his bill, he decided to go elsewhere. A letter from the Ritz, telling him a friend of the Aga Khan, advanced him 1,400 francs and has not been repaid. The Hotel Moneau was his next stopping place, and he finally landed at the Carlton and thence in jail.

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Ismet Intimates No More Concessions—Firm on Claim to Mosul, but British Insist It Shall Go to Arabs Under Mandate.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 25. (Associated Press).—Ismet Pasha to-day declared that his country desired peace, but had already made many concessions. All that Turkey wanted, he said, was to cooperate with the nations of the West, but these nations must show proper respect for Turkish sovereignty.

Both French and English delegations will undoubtedly attempt to hurry preparations for the actual treaty of peace. The English spokesman said to-night: "The time for discussion is about over; we must hurry toward the end."

There are many wounds to heal when the conference reopens to-morrow. The Turkish insistence that Mosul belongs to Turkey, and that the English without proper authority occupied that territory after the armistice at Mudros, has irritated the British delegates. The Anglo representatives say that two districts

of Iraq have already elected to join Turkey, and Mosul, whose Kurds are more sympathetic with the Turks than with the Arabs, will undoubtedly do likewise if a plebiscite is held.

The English delegates said to-day that they would continue to contend that Mosul belongs to Iraq and would hold it until the Iraq Government decides to cede it to Turkey.

The Russian spent Christmas moodily at their hotel. Mr. Tchitcherin declared to-night that the straits question would never be settled without Russian consent and that an agreement implying opening of the straits to European warships would be "a knife in the side of Russia."

Tchitcherin accused England of trying to destroy Russia and seeking to estrange the English and Russian peoples.

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Police on Guard at Midnight Masses, but Not Needed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—Despite rumors of outrages contemplated on Montreal's Catholic churches at Christmas midnight mass, nothing untoward was reported. A canvass of the Catholic churches of this city showed that, in view of the very large number of the congregations—estimated at 150,000 persons—somewhat more than the usual force of police was in attendance but there was no call for their services.

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